

CHAPTER NO. 266

SENATE BILL NO. 1200

By Clabough

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1054

By McCord, Hargrove, Hensley, Head, Buttry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to rules of the road.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-110, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the driver of a motorcycle approaching an intersection, which is controlled by a traffic-control signal utilizing a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle, shall come to a full and complete stop at the intersection and, after exercising due care as provided by law, may proceed with due caution when it is safe to do so. It is not a defense to a violation of § 55-8-109 that the driver of a motorcycle proceeded under the belief that a traffic-control signal utilized a vehicle detection device or was inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle when such signal did not utilize a vehicle detection device or that any such device or was not in-fact inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 21, 2003


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of June 2003


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR